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## **Rep. VanderMeer Applauds Gov. Walker's State of State Address**

**Madison** – State Representative Nancy VanderMeer (R-Tomah) issued the following statement after Governor Walker's State of the State address.

"I am pleased and excited with the future laid out by Governor Walker in his State of the State address. His focus on jobs, creating a better business climate, government reform and investing in education are also important priorities of mine. I look forward to working with Governor Walker and my fellow legislative colleagues on our shared commitment to move Wisconsin forward.

"I am also pleased that Governor Walker's goals are in line with the Assembly Republican Forward Agenda. The Forward Agenda focuses on building a stronger economy, improving education, creating stronger families and safer neighborhoods, promoting self-sufficiency and responding to changing technology. By working together on this vision for the state, Wisconsin will continue to remain strong.

"As the Governor Walker pointed out, the state of the state is outstanding. Our economy is continuing to improve every day. New business formations in 2014 were up 5.1% compared to 2013. Our unemployment rate is the lowest it has been since 2008 and the number of people finding work is increasing. The average unemployment claims for the first 50 weeks dropped to the lowest point since 1999. In the past four years, income and property taxes have reduced by roughly \$2 billion, giving hard-working families the break they deserve. In that time, the rainy day fund has grown to nearly \$280 million, the largest in state history. We have many reasons to be optimistic about the state's future.

"The state has come a long way in the past four years but there is more work to be done. I will push for a responsible, transparent government that serves the people of the state. I look forward to working on behalf of my constituents of the 70<sup>th</sup> Assembly District to reform government, create a better business environment, improve education and make an even better Wisconsin."

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*The 70th Assembly District includes portions of Monroe, Jackson, Portage and Wood counties.*